

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1297

By Evans

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Freda Herndon on being named Volunteer of the Year by the Robertson County Chamber of Commerce.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Freda Herndon is one such estimable person, who was recently named Volunteer of the Year by the Robertson County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary tenure as the Chairman of the Chamber's Education Committee, Ms. Herndon has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, with Ms. Herndon at the helm, the Education Committee launched an ambitious agenda to build a strong partnership between Robertson County's public schools and the business community; and

WHEREAS, as Chairman of the Committee, Freda Herndon searched for and wrote grants, asked local businesses for financial support, collaborated on surveys, and attended countless meetings to keep the project moving; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Ms. Herndon's dedication, the Robertson County Chamber of Commerce stands ready to launch the Robertson Education Initiative, which will fund mini-grants for teachers who need financial help with innovative projects, a publicity campaign celebrating the successes of Robertson County schools, and the expansion of the highly successful Renaissance program into all five of the county's high schools; and

WHEREAS, as further testimony to her passion for Robertson County schools and education in general, Freda Herndon will be embarking on a new career this fall as an English teacher at Springfield High School; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Herndon's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Freda Herndon is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Herndon is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Freda Herndon on being named Volunteer of the Year by the Robertson County Chamber of Commerce and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.